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**MOHICAN IS EXPECTED HOURLY**  
Big Accumulation of Papers and Letters—The Boys in Blue Correspondence.

"This is the first time I have been fooled," said Post-master General Oat last evening in speaking of the non-appearance of the Pacific Mail S. S. Peru on schedule time. Had the Peru arrived yesterday she would have taken the mail to San Francisco ahead of the Miowera. As it is now, it is a case of bad luck and while the consequences of delay will not be dangerous, there will be a resultant not a little inconvenience.

Captain Nichols of the U. S. Gunboat Bennington sent word yesterday that he expected to leave here with his vessel immediately upon the arrival of the U. S. S. Mohican, expected hourly and that he would be pleased to carry forward a mail. Mr. Oat thanked the commander of the Gunboat and accepted the offer, conditioned on the further delay of the S. S. Peru. Mr. Oat found that he had on hand last evening about twenty-five bags of papers and between 10,000 and 12,000 letters. This big lot includes the mail of the Boys in Blue. All mail marked "Miowera" was sent by the steamer for Vancouver. A great many people held back their letters till the Canadian boat had gone, wishing to use the Peru.

The trouble that the Honolulu merchants have is that their orders for goods to arrive here the latter part of the month are still in the Postoffice and will remain there till the Peru or Mohican happen along. To catch the next steamer back with the goods the orders should be in San Francisco by the 21st. A number of business men interviewed yesterday said that while there might be experienced some annoyance, there could be nothing like a famine. The largest houses all have on hand stocks of staples that will last several months. A few sailing vessels are on the way and will relieve the shortage in some lines. Hay and grain will feel the effects of scarcity first. Feed for stock has been on the up-grade as to price for some months. It was expected that by the time the mail now in the Postoffice here had reached San Francisco hay and grain from the mountain States and from the northwest would be in San Francisco for immediate shipment. Mail for British Columbia, Canada and the northwestern States went on by the Miowera and the Seattle, Portland and Vancouver boats will bring quantities of goods in due time.

There was mention yesterday of a proposal to dispatch the Wilder S. S. Co. Claudine, to San Francisco with mail and to return with a cargo of freight of urgent character. Up to a late hour last night there was nothing tangible of the enterprise. Wilder's had not been called upon with a business talk. It is more than likely that the Chamber of Commerce would take the lead in such a matter and the plan has not yet been brought before that body. In 1893 the Claudine was sent to the coast with the Annexation commissioners at a charter price of \$100 a day. When the Miowera refused to take mail from here during the cholera visitation in 1895 it was proposed to again dispatch the Claudine and a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held and the project discussed. It was finally abandoned. At that time the Wilder people stated that they would ask more for the steamer than they had received in 1893, as the first charter had not paid. Should the Claudine be sent at this time she would have a number of passengers. A score or more of people—perhaps half a hundred—are waiting for some chance for a steamer trip to the coast. Some of the travelers detained here have important business abroad.

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**For Red Cross Fund.**  
The Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company has arranged a neat plan for the profit of the Red Cross Society Fund, and Mrs. S. M. Ballou, who is at the head of the Entertainment Committee, has taken the matter in hand. Early in the campaign for the reception and entertainment of the Boys in Blue, the Inter-Island Company offered to the Committee of 100 the use of a steamer or steamers for the purpose of traveling with both incoming and outgoing boats. The company continues indefinitely this concession, without any profit to itself. But hereafter, the Red Cross Society will handle tickets for the excursion steamers. Passage will be free to the band and to authorized persons. Everyone else must pay the small fee of four bits. The half dollar pieces will go into the treasury of the Red Cross Society direct.

**LABRADOR CREW.**  
The Japanese Cook Tells His Story in Court.

The trial began before Judge Stanley yesterday of the captain and crew of the British schooner Labrador. The prisoners are charged with smuggling into the country the opium found on Kahoolawe. Inspector Beckwith, of the customs, was the first witness. Then came the Japanese cook who, has turned state's evidence. The Japanese was on the stand for a couple of hours and repeated in full and the same as before the story given to Sheriff Baldwin and C. A. Doyle. Paul Neumann, of counsel for defense, objected to Mr. Doyle as interpreter on account of Mr. Doyle's connection with the police department as detective and arresting officer. The objection was overruled. Among those in Court during the hearing were Collector-General McStocker, British Commissioner Kenny and a secretary from the Japanese legation. The representative of the Japanese Minister took a rather active interest in the hearing and upon an opportunity being presented, questioned the chief witness at length. The cook went into close detail in telling his story. He said that after sailing three days the schooner stopped for water at a place where there was a red lighthouse and also some red men called Siwash. The cook told of repainting the schooner at sea. Marshal Brown is not up on Indian lore and had to have Siwash translated. The Japanese said he shipped for a sealing cruise to Alaska. Mr. Kenny speaks Japanese and listened carefully to the testimony of the cook. The hearing may be concluded today.

**The Colonel is Confident.**  
Col. J. H. Fisher, commanding the First Regiment, N. G. H., is one of the men positive that annexation is close at hand. In a circular letter to the captains of the companies of the Regiment, Col. Fisher prefaces with the intimation that the command is likely soon to be called into active service. The anticipation appears to be that when annexation takes place the services of the Regiment will be tendered for campaigning in the Philippines.

**Capt. King.**  
Capt. Jas. A. King, Minister of the Interior, is now ordered to remain at his home here and in a dark room. This is on account of an ailing eye. It was the trouble with the eye that brought the Minister back from the Volcano House, where he was rapidly regaining his health. In sight of Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa and on the brink of Kilauea he had so far progressed that he was able to sleep almost full allowance.

**Salvation Army.**  
The Salvation Army had a most enthusiastic meeting on the corner of Fort and Hotel streets last evening. There was a very large turnout of members with Colonel Evans in command. Prof. Theo. Richards of Kamehameha was in the procession on the march from the hall to the usual meeting place and return. During the meeting on the street corner, Prof. Richards addressed a few words to the assembled audience.

**A GENERAL INVITATION.**  
The millinery displayed at L. B. Kerr's Queen street store is a sight long to be remembered. Hats and bonnets are many and beautiful. The style of trimming most artistic; the arrangement of colors most exquisite, and must be seen to be appreciated. An inspection is solicited. All are cordially invited.

**REPORT IS MADE**  
Committee on Finance Has Examined Marshal's Office Books.

**HOUSE DISCUSSES FORESTRY**  
Question of Expert—One Appropriation Bill Passed.  
Street Items.

**SENATE.**

One Hundred and First Day, June 13.  
Notification was received from the House of the passage of the bill creating a marine park on the east side of the arbor.

The first of the series of reports on examination of the books of various departments came in from the Finance Committee. The report received was on the Marshal's office and treated the subject exhaustively, going into the details of the books of the Marshal's office and of the Jail, a careful examination of which had been made by an expert. Several features of the methods of keeping books and the balancing of cash accounts were condemned by the expert. The committee stated that the changes had been made and that the accounts of the present period would be kept differently. The committee went at some length into the perquisite system in vogue in the Marshal's office. Some time in March the committee asked the Attorney General for information on the subject, and he in turn asked the Marshal, who replied quoting various sections of law as authority for retaining a portion of the revenues of the office.

During the last period the committee reported, something like \$5,800 was received in the Marshal's office as perquisites. One of the sources has been the fees for sealing weights and measures. A bill passed by the Senate several days since directs the payment of these fees in the treasury as Government realization. The report was listened to with interest. It was received and placed on file to be considered later.

A preliminary report was also made on the Finance Department. The committee found that there was \$29,000 in the treasury under an act of 1864 which provided that moneys received from sale of land should be used either to purchase other lands or be retained as a sinking fund for the payment of bonds due. The committee recommended that it be so applied.

Notice was received that bills had been presented to the President for his signature relating to the marine park, Helau and Puuhonua and homestead acts.

There was some discussion on the bill making regulation as to in which circuits different civil cases shall be brought. The various inconveniences to which litigants are subjected by the press of business in the First Circuit Court were mentioned. The bill as passed at second reading specifies were cases shall be tried. Third reading was set for Tuesday.

The bill passed second reading regulating the requirements for persons eligible to be employed by the Government.

Several questions asked by Senator Brown of Minister Damon on the subject of assessment of taxes by the Board of Equalization were referred to that official.

At 11:20 o'clock the Senate adjourned.

**HOUSE.**

Reps. Isenberg and McCandless spoke in favor of paying back the fines and costs of certain men who had been active in the revolution of 1895. Rep. Achi wanted half the money paid. A motion of indefinitely postpone the matter was carried.

The appropriation bill was again taken up for consideration. The claims of Hoffschlaeger & Co. and Lovejoy & Co. were considered with the majority and minority reports of the committee. The report of the ma-

jority of the committee disallowing the claim, was adopted.  
Roads and bridges, Honolulu, \$120,000.

President Cooper presented a list of streets which it was proposed should be given first consideration. This would take \$80,000. The remaining \$40,000 would be necessary for streets in general, purchase of live stock, machinery and repairs to machinery. The roads and estimates as given by the Minister are as follows: Alapai street, \$1,500; Alexander, \$1,200; Beach road, \$3,000; Alakea street, \$2,000; Artesian, \$1,200; Bingham, \$1,000; Bates, \$1,000; Beckley, \$1,200; Beckwith, \$1,200; Fort, \$3,000; Green, \$1,500; Hackfeld, \$1,500; Hotel, \$2,500; Kuakini, \$1,500; Kalhi road, \$2,000; Kowalo street, \$1,500; Kapiohahi, \$1,500; Kinan, \$2,000; Kamolihihi road, \$3,000; Kahauiki road, nothing; Kilauea street, \$1,500; Keeaumoku, \$2,000; Konia, \$1,500; Liliha, \$2,000; Lunalihi, \$2,500; Manoa Valley road, \$3,000; Maunakea, \$2,000; Pihiki, \$1,700; Prospect, \$1,300; Pauahi, \$1,500; Pauoa road, \$2,000; Spencer avenue, \$1,500; Sheridan street, \$1,000; Union, nothing; Vineyard, \$1,200; Wilder avenue, \$2,000; Young street, \$2,000; Kaila road, \$1,000; Makiki street, \$1,500; Pensacola, \$1,300; Punchbowl, \$1,500; Queen, \$1,500; South, \$1,000; School, \$1,500; Thurston, \$1,200; Victoria, \$1,500; King street (Palama), \$6,000.

The special committee to whom was referred the consideration of items "Pay of Forester" and "Pay of Laborers," present their report, in part, as follows:

"Your committee, after careful consideration of the necessity existing for the employment of a forester have come to the conclusion that it would be far better to obtain the services of an expert at once, rather than to experiment with unknown and untried people."

"In a compilation published by W. M. Giffard, Esq., for the Planters' Association there appears a statement which touches upon this subject and to the effect that, 'It certainly will not pay to proceed by the rule of thumb' or at least upon such acquaintance with the subject of Forestry as could be acquired by study of publications relative to the science as produced by the Governments of other countries. Such person would have to learn their business at the expense of this country it being impossible but that many very expensive mistakes would be committed by them.' Prof. Furnow, Chief of the Bureau of Forestry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, says: 'Without forest management no national water management is possible.' Forestry is like all other professions, proficiency in it does not and cannot come by intuition. It involves not only questions to be dealt with by the scientific arboriculturist but others of a purely economic character the knowledge of which can only be acquired by study under those whose experience has been large and varied."

"In view of the foregoing presentation your committee considers that they can well recommend the employment of an expert forester."

"In connection with the employment of an expert forester or arboriculturist, your committee would recommend that an item 'Pay of Expert Forester, \$1,500,' be inserted in the appropriation bill and 'Pay of Chief of Forestry, 2 years, \$4,800,' be inserted in the appropriation bill."

"With regard to the items relating to 'Forester at Makiki, Island of Oahu,' your committee recommend that the sum of \$1,800 be appropriated as salary therefor."

"Pay of laborers, nursery, \$1,080.  
"Pay of laborers, Makiki, \$10,800.  
"Respectfully submitted,  
"PAUL R. ISBERG."

"I agree with the foregoing excepting in the going ahead with the reforestation in Nuuanu Valley which I consider should await the examination and report of an expert."

"W. F. POGUE."  
"I agree in the main with the general proposition that the Government should fully enter into the consideration of forest preservation and the problems involved, but I do not con-

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